



The Drinking Water Branch: Who We Are and What We Do

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Sections of the Drinking Water Branch

Compliance Section

Construction Permits Section

Field Inspection Section

Ground Water Section

Water Systems Regulated by the Drinking Water Branch

New and Upcoming Initiatives

The Drinking Water Branch serves the consumers of Indiana's water supplies by our efforts to achieve and maintain safe and adequate supplies of drinking water through the provision of accurate information, support, and guidance in a timely manner.

The Drinking Water Branch is divided into four sections: **Compliance, Construction Permits, Field Inspection, and Ground Water**. Some of the functions of the sections are described below.

Public water supply data collection and analysis, sampling result compilation and evaluation, compliance determination, compliance assistance, and waivers.

Construction plan review and approval, construction permits, operator certification program, cross connection control, construction inspections, and technical assistance.

Technical assistance, well site surveys, emergency assistance, remediation recommendations, filtration evaluations, vulnerability assessments, ground water under the influence of surface water determinations, sanitary surveys, and new system identification.

Wellhead Protection, ground water quality standards, implementation of State Pesticide Management Plan, source water protection assessments, investigation of private well complaints, investigation of agricultural chemical spills, ground water education, and monitoring for pesticides in ground water.

The Drinking Water Branch is responsible for regulating the following types of public water supply systems:

Community Systems (such as municipal water supplies and mobile home parks)

Nontransient Noncommunity Systems (such as schools and factories)

Transient Noncommunity Systems (such as churches, restaurants, and campgrounds)

The following new/upcoming initiatives are being implemented by the Drinking Water Branch:

Wellhead Protection, Source Water Protection, Expansion of Operator Certification, Ground Water Disinfection/Disinfection Byproducts Rule, Capacity Development, and Public Notification.

For more information, contact the Outreach Work Group of the Drinking Water Branch at 317/308-3280 or 800/451-6027 (ext. 308-3280) or visit our web site at www.state.in.us/idem/owm/dwb